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23 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, D/S
Chief, D/M
Chief, D/I

SUBJECT : Transmittal of MDAC Paper - "Progress Report on
Soviet Trade Trends and Tactics Program"

1. Attached for your information and guidance are copies of an MDAC paper distributed in IWG describing the progress made to date within the Government in implementing the U.S. decision "to promote the consideration of Soviet trade trends and tactics within the Consultative Group structure."

2. CIA was requested, at the 5 August meeting of IWG, to assist in the preparation of two papers indicated in Attachment B, viz., "Soviet Bloc Participation in Trade Fairs", and "Soviet Bloc Exporting of Petroleum." These papers are to be submitted to the fall session of COCOM. The MDAC requester is familiar with IWG/ID-25 and OIR Intelligence Report No. 6519 on the subject of Soviet petroleum exports and offers to the West.

3. OIR/State has assumed responsibility for production of the petroleum paper and, it is understood, may call upon CIA for assistance. OIR/State is now surveying its capability to produce the trade fairs paper, in which case CIA assistance may also be requested.

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4. It is suggested that the Executive Secretary of IWG (Extension 2635) be notified of any requests for assistance on these projects by OIR/State. If your staff members have any ideas to propose in connection with these studies, their suggestions will be directed to the IWG.

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Executive Secretary
Intelligence Working Group

Attachment
Progress Report on Soviet Trade Trends and Tactics Program

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